including Rath Yatra period. The hotels are under periodical inspection of the Orissa Pollution Control Board. Cases have been filed against 23 defaulting hotels under CrPC 133 by the Puri Municipality in the court of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Puri.

(c) The centre has sanctioned a sewerage and sewage treatment project for Puri at an estimated amount of Rs. 48.29 crore on 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the State Government of Orissa. It covers laying of sewers and setting up of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The project is under implementation by Orissa Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

Decentralization of Green Clearance

1235. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided about decentralization in the sphere of green clearance recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government has brought out a draft revised environment impact assessment notification published in Gazette of India *vide* S.O. 1324(E) dated 15th September, 2005. In the said draft notification, State level clearances in respect of select projects below a prescribed threshold limit are proposed.

(c) Does not arise.

Diminishing tiger population

1236. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that tiger population is dwindling due to poaching in the Panama Reserves in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the population of big cats in Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan is also diminishing;